(c) All the sugar factories availing this facility are required to submit Utilisation Certificates from the Chartered Accountants, duly countersigned by the District Magistrates/Cane Commissioners to the effect that the proceeds from the sale of the additional quota have been utilised for making payment of cane price dues to the farmers.

Rotten Foodgrains

†1857. SHRI MANOHAR KANT DHYANI: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 742 given in the Rajya Sabha on 1st March, 2001 and state:

(a) the total quantum and the details of foodgrains that has rotten actually together with the quantum of foodgrains sold at nominal prices, district-wise;

(b) whether non-lifting is the only factor responsible for the rotting of the foodgrains or whether mismanagement is also responsible for it; and

(c) if so, the action taken against the guilty persons?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN): (a) The Unstarred question no. 742 answered in the Rajya Sabha on 1st March, 2001 was pertaining to the disposal of foodgrains lying in the godowns in Uttranchal.

At the time of creation of Uttranchal State on 1.4.2001, a quantity of 543 tonnes of rice, 115 tonnes of wheat and 78 tonnes of paddy were categorised as damaged due to prolonged storage. Out of the said quantity, 373 tonnes of rice and 81 tonnes of wheat has been issued free of cost. Further, since 1st April, 2001, 1 (one) tonne has been reportedly damaged, for which responsibility has been fixed.

In addition, responsibility for damaged of 137 MT of rice during storage in the godowns of Central Warehousing Corporation (CWC)

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

has been fixed on CWC for recovery of the cost. District-wise details of damaged stocks and its liquidation is given in Statement (See below).

(b) The main reason for downgradation of foodgrain is due to only prolonged storage and not due to mismanagement.

(c) Does not arise.

Statement

Details of damaged stocks of foodgrains as on 01.04.2001 *and liquidation thereof in the state of Uttranchal*

Name of District	Damaged Stock Position as on 01.04.2001				Stock Liquidated Till Date @@				Balance Stock Available			
	Rice	Wheat	Paddy	Total	Rice	Wheat	Paddy	Total	Rice	Wheat	Paddy	Total
Dehradun	45	58	0	103	40	41	0	81	5	17	0	22
Haldwani	450	15	78	543	446	6	0	452*	4	9	78	91
Srinagar	48	42	0	90	24	34	0	58	24	8	0	32
Total:	543	115	78	736	510	81	0	591	33	34	78	145

NOTE:-@@-Stocks liquidated free of cost as per Ministry's order and also includes liquidation through tender sale.

(*) Includes 137 tonnes of rice for which Rs. 4.0 lakh approx. recovered from CWC and for remaining amount recovery proceedings under progress.

Construction of Godowns by Private Entrepreneurs

1858. SHRI SOLIPETA RAMACHANDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have issued necessary directions to the Food Corporation of India to give guarantee for additional 15 lakh MTs. Godowns for 7 years to be constructed by private entrepreneurs, being essential for Rabi 2002 crop;

(b) if so, the details of the directions so issued;

(c) by when the godowns are expected to be constructed; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?